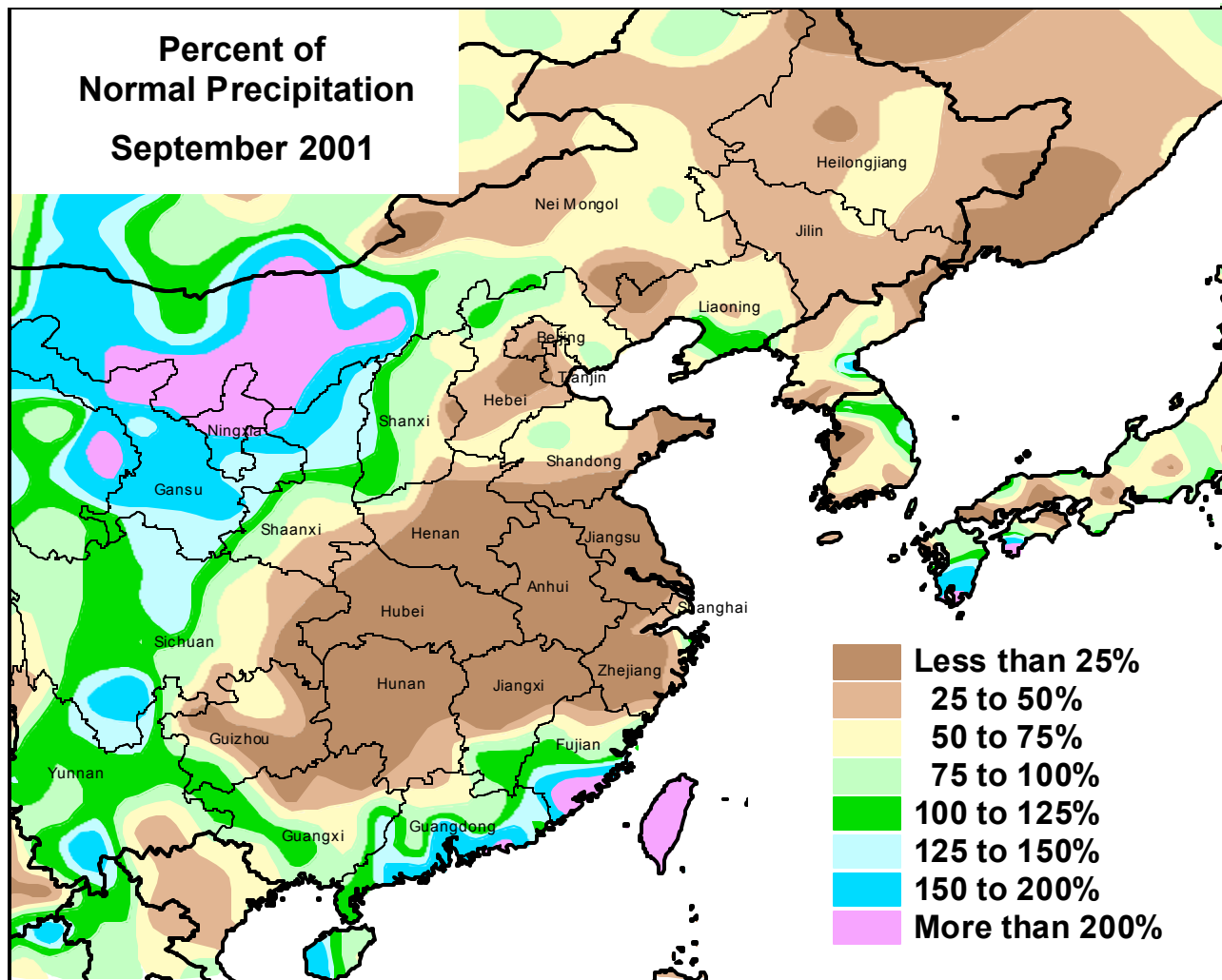


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Weather and Crop Highlights

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- In September, below-normal rainfall reduced soil moisture for filling summer crops in Manchuria. From September 20-22, a freeze (5-12 days earlier than usual) caused some damage to immature late-planted corn and soybeans in Heilongjiang and eastern Jilin.
- Much-below-normal rainfall also reduced soil moisture for late-filling summer crops and winter wheat planting in the North China Plain and Yangtze Valley, but favored rice and summer crop harvesting. Above-normal rainfall increased irrigation supplies across the upper Yellow Basin.
- Typhoons Nari and Lekima brought widespread flooding to Taiwan. Above-normal rainfall slowed rice harvesting in extreme southern China.



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